

30 July 2021

IR-01-21-19266

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Dear John Luke

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information request 1982 (OIA) dated 21 June 2021 asking for information on wing patrons and the numbers accepted and declined.

Specifically, you requested:

- *an update on the list of wing patrons and their bios to 1 June 2021; and*
- *the number of wing patron nominations or referrals received since 1st January 2021; the number of these accepted and the number declined*
- *the number of nominations or referrals not yet decided by the Commissioner.*

Attached as Appendix 1 and 2 are the names and biographies of wing patrons from November 2019 - August 2021. This covers the period of time since your previous request, IR-01-19-26935.

The selection of wing patrons is a process undertaken by the Office of the Commissioner. The role is filled at the invitation of the Commissioner and as such does not involve an application process. As noted in our previous response, Police seeks recommendations from various quarters for potential wing patrons and aims to select wing patrons who are experienced leaders in their communities, who have the skill, motivation, and temperament to be good mentors and role models to Police recruits. Given the nature of the process Police does not 'decline' recommendations for the role of wing patron therefore this part of your request is refused, under s18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held.

In terms of planning ahead, the Office of the Commissioner aims to identify between 5-10 potential wing patrons at any one time to enable it to meet demand.

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If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right under s28(3), to ask the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Rawiri', written in a cursive style.

Maria Rawiri
Director of the Office of the Commissioner